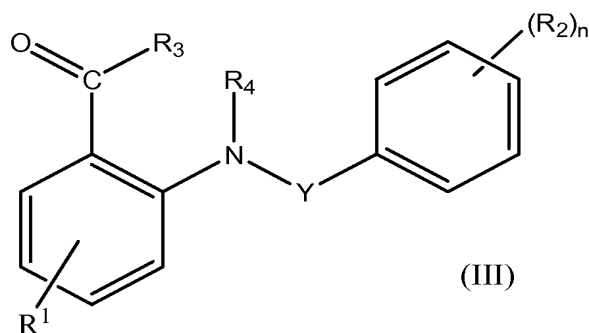


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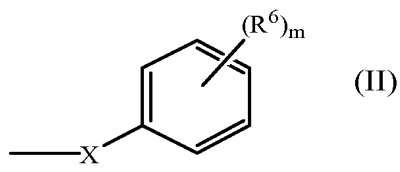
**Claims 1-19 (cancelled)**

20. (New) A compound having the formula (III),



a N-oxide form, a stereochemical isomer, racemic mixture, salt, prodrug, ester or metabolite thereof, wherein

$R^1$  represents a radical of formula (II),



$R^2$  is bromo, chloro, alkyl, alkyloxy, or haloalkyl, wherein said  $R^2$  radicals are located in compound of formula (III), respective from the moiety Y, at meta, para, and meta and para positions;

n is 1;

Y is  $-C(=O)-$ , or  $-S(=O)_2-$ ;

$R^3$  is hydroxy or alkyloxy;

$R^4$  is hydrogen or alkyl;

X is  $-CH_2-$ ;

each  $R^6$  is independently  $R^7-C(=O)-$ ,  $R^8-S(=O)_2-NH-$ , or  $R^8-C(=O)-NH-$ , said substituents  $R^6$  are adjacent; in meta and para positions, or in ortho and meta positions;  $R^7$  is hydroxy or alkyloxy;

R<sup>8</sup> is aryl substituted with halogen, bromo, chloro, alkyl, alkyloxy haloalkyl, alkenyl, or alkynyl, said substituents in meta or para position respective from the point of attachment of said aryl group;

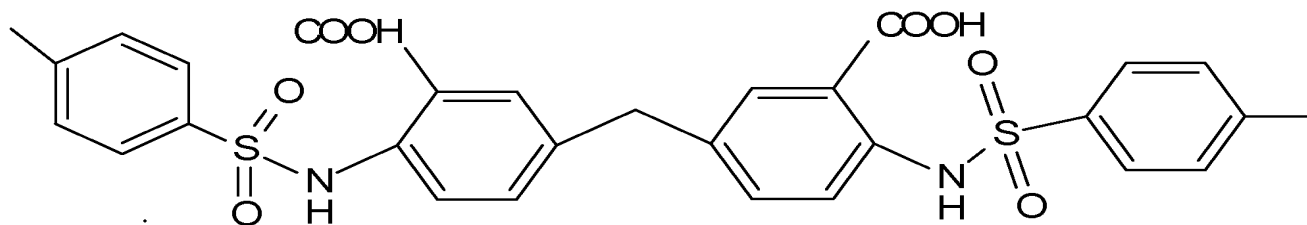
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m is 2.

21. (New) A pharmaceutical composition containing a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 20 and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.

22. (New) The compound 3'-methylene-bis(6-((4-methylphenyl)sulfonylamino)-benzoic acid) , or its N-oxide form, salt, stereoisomeric form, racemic mixture, prodrug, ester or metabolite thereof.

23. (New) The compound having the following structure:



according to Claim 22.